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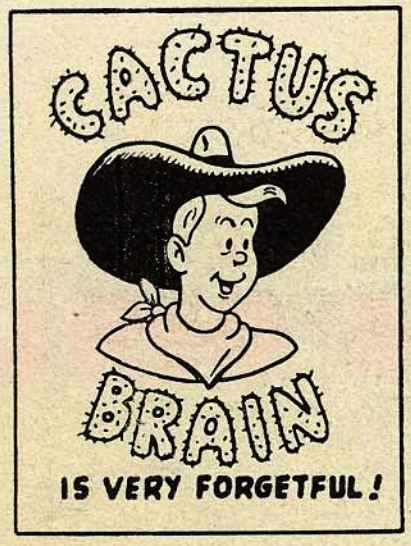

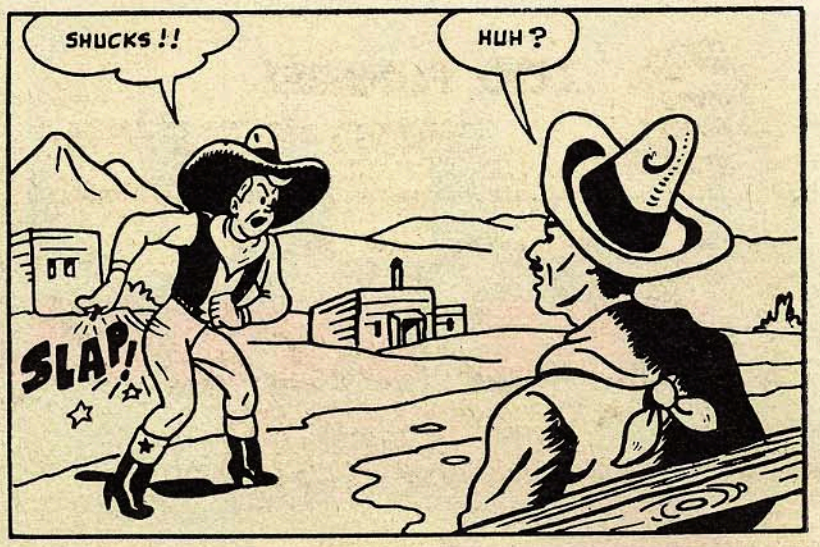

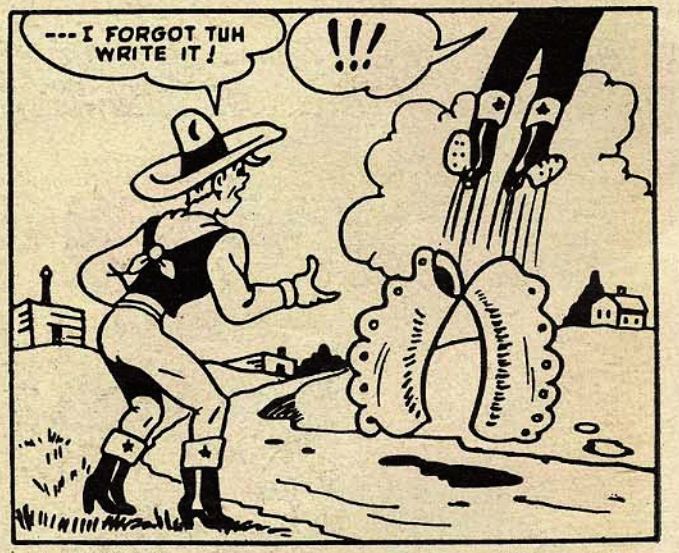

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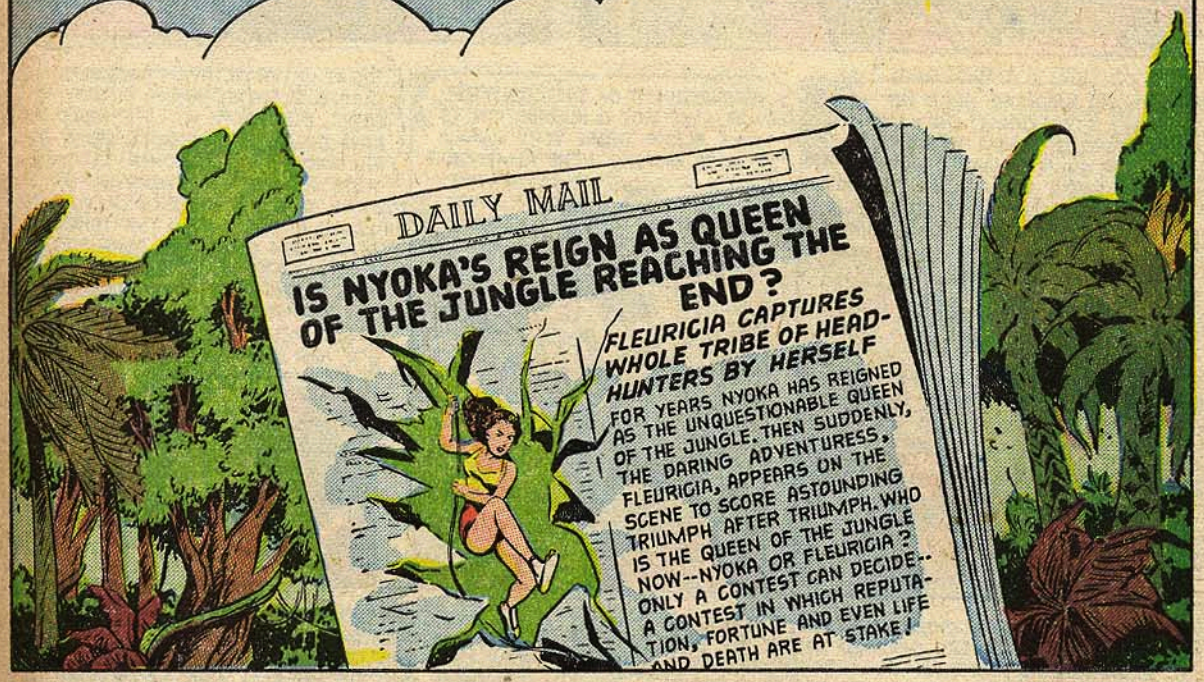
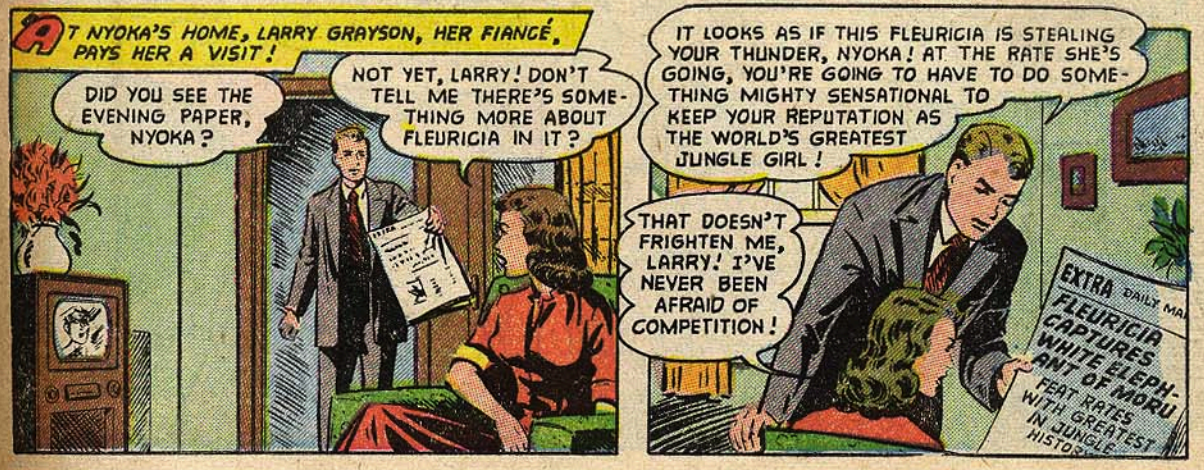
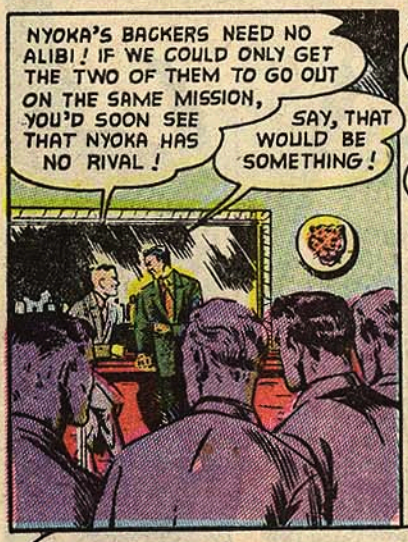
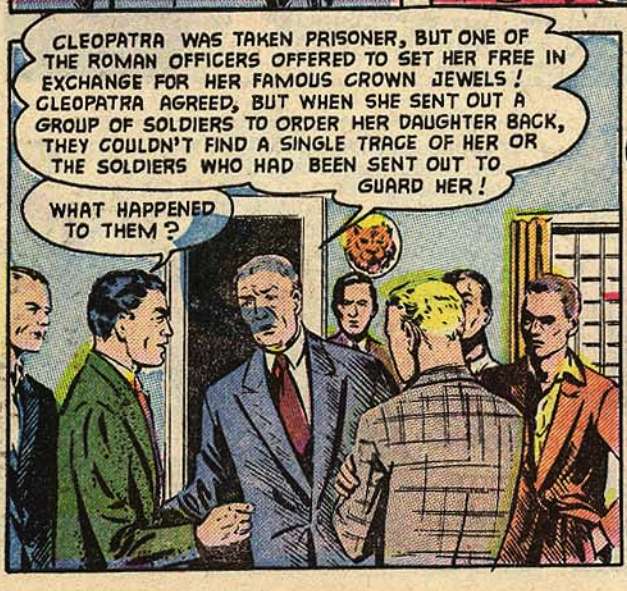
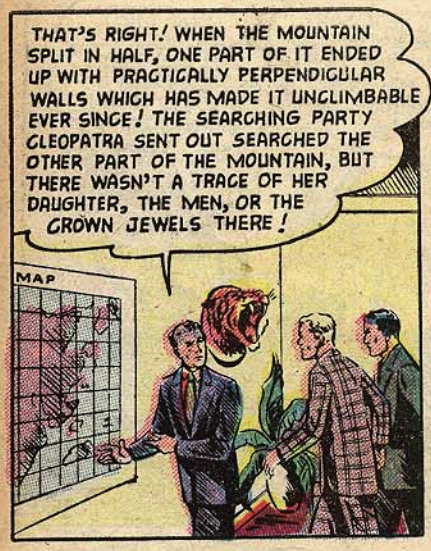




AND AS FLEURIGIA'S REPUTATION SPREADS...






THAT'S RIGHT! WHEN THE MOUNTAIN SPLIT IN HALF, ONE PART OF IT ENDED UP WITH PRACTICALLY PERPENDICULAR WALLS WHICH HAS MADE IT UNCLIMBABLE EVER SINCE! THE SEARCHING PARTY CLEOPATRA SENT OUT SEARCHED THE OTHER PART OF THE MOUNTAIN, BUT THERE WASN'T A TRACE OF HER DAUGHTER, THE MEN, OR THE CROWN JEWELS THERE!
MAP

IF THERE IS ANY TRUTH TO THIS LEGEND, CLEOPATRA'S DAUGHTER MUST HAVE BEEN STRANDED ON THIS OTHER SECTION OF THE MOUNTAIN! UNTIL SOMEONE IS ABLE TO CLIMB THAT MOUNTAIN, WE'LL NEVER KNOW WHETHER THE LEGEND WAS TRUE OR NOT!

I SEE WHAT YOU'RE DRIVING AT! YOU'D LIKE TO SET UP A CONTEST IN WHICH BOTH NYOKA AND FLEURIGIA WOULD ATTEMPT TO CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN! THE ONE WHO SUCCEEDS WOULD HAVE TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED QUEEN OF THE JUNGLE!

NYOKA WOULD NEVER ACCEPT A CHALLENGE LIKE THAT!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT NYOKA! SHE'LL AGREE TO THE CONTEST ALL RIGHT! I JUST DOUBT WHETHER FLEURIGIA WILL!

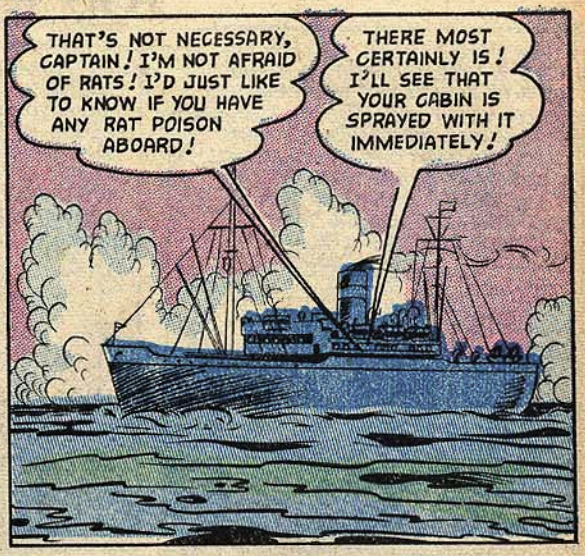
BUT BOTH JUNGLE GIRLS GLADLY ACCEPT!
THE CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST ARE PERFECTLY CLEAR! NOW LET'S SHAKE, FLEURIGIA, AND MAY THE BETTER EXPLORER WIN!
I NEVER SHAKE HANDS WITH MY INFERIORS!

WORDS ARE CHEAP, FLEURIGIA! IT'S DEEDS THAT WILL PROVE IF YOU'RE REALLY AS GOOD AS YOU THINK YOU ARE!
THAT SUITS ME FINE, NYOKA! BUT I'M WARNING YOU NOW, WHEN I GO AFTER SOMETHING, I LET NOTHING GET IN THE WAY OF MY ACCOMPLISHING MY MISSION!

YOU COULD HAVE SAVED THE WARNING, FLEURIGIA! I NEVER TURN MY BACK ON A RATTLESNAKE!
RATTLESNAKE, HUH? I'LL SCRATCH YOUR EYES OUT!
GIRLS! GIRLS! NO SQUABBLES!

NOW HERE ARE YOUR TICKETS! THE SHIP WHICH WILL CARRY YOU INTO THE JUNGLE WILL LEAVE PROMPTLY AT MIDNIGHT!

THE NEXT NIGHT, ABOARD THE JUNGLE-BOUND SHIP...
I HATE TO BOTHER YOU, CAPTAIN, BUT I JUST SAW A BIG RAT IN MY CABIN!
A THOUSAND APOLOGIES, FLEURICIA! I'LL CHANGE YOUR CABIN IMMEDIATELY!


THAT'S NOT NECESSARY, CAPTAIN! I'M NOT AFRAID OF RATS! I'D JUST LIKE TO KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY RAT POISON ABOARD!
THERE MOST CERTAINLY IS! I'LL SEE THAT YOUR CABIN IS SPRAYED WITH IT IMMEDIATELY!

I CAN HANDLE IT MYSELF! IF YOU'D JUST GET ME THE RAT POISON, I'D APPRECIATE IT!

SHORTLY AFTER...
IS LUNCH READY YET?
YES, MAM! THAT'S YOUR PLACE OVER THERE! THE OTHER ONE IS FOR NYOKA!

ALL'S FAIR IN WAR AND EXPLORING!

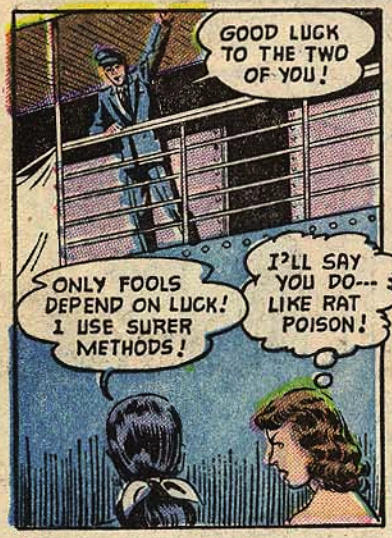
AND AS NYOKA ENTERS...
I SURE AM THIRSTY! MMMM, THAT MILK LOOKS GOOD!

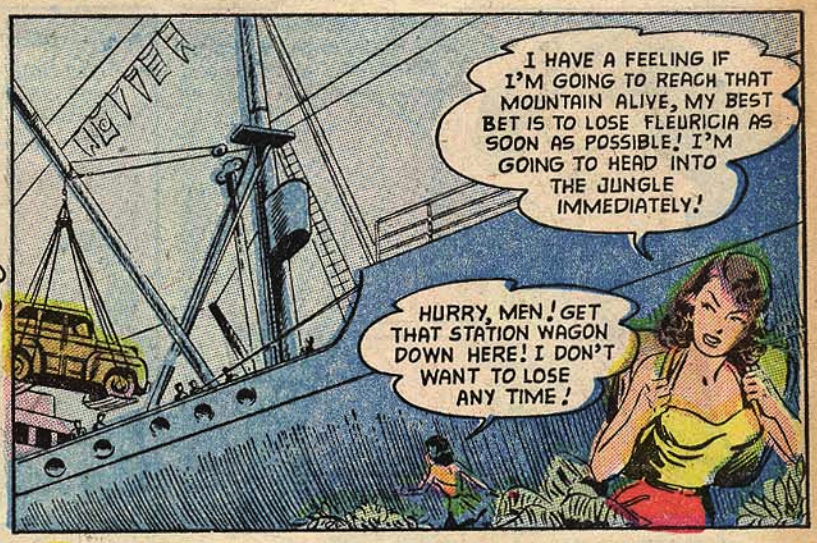
I'M GOING TO DRINK IT RIGHT DOWN!

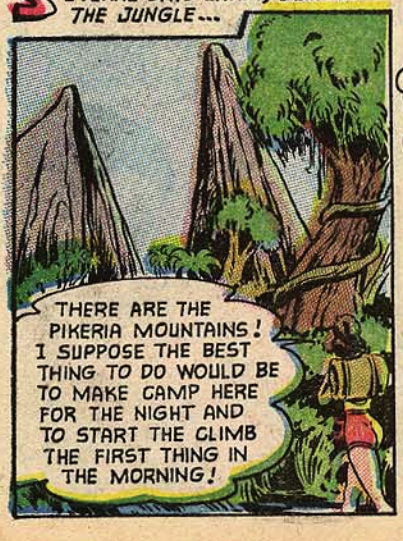
BUT AS NYOKA PUTS THE GLASS TO HER LIPS, THE SHIP LURCHES, AND...
THAT WOULD HAPPEN WHEN I'M SO THIRSTY! IT LOOKS AS IF I'M GOING TO HAVE COMPANY FOR MILK! THAT LITTLE KITTEN LOOKS THIRSTY, TOO!
I DIDN'T COUNT ON THIS!
GOOD HEAVENS! THAT CAT LAPPED UP SOME MILK AND DROPPED DEAD!
SNIFF! SNIFF! THIS MILK SMELLS PECULIAR!
DID YOU PUT ANYTHING IN HERE BESIDES MILK?
NO! WHY DO YOU ASK, NYOKA?
SNIFF! SNIFF! I MAY BE WRONG, BUT THAT SMELLS LIKE RAT POISON!
RAT POISON!
I'M AFRAID IT'S MY FAULT!
YOUR FAULT?
I SAW A RAT IN MY ROOM AND I INTENDED TO TRAP HIM BY PUTTING SOME MILK IN A SAUCER WITH RAT POISON IN IT! I MUST HAVE GOTTEN MY GLASSES OF MILK SWITCHED BY ACCIDENT!
ARE YOU SURE IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, FLEURICIA?
YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT UNTIL YOU CAN PROVE OTHERWISE!

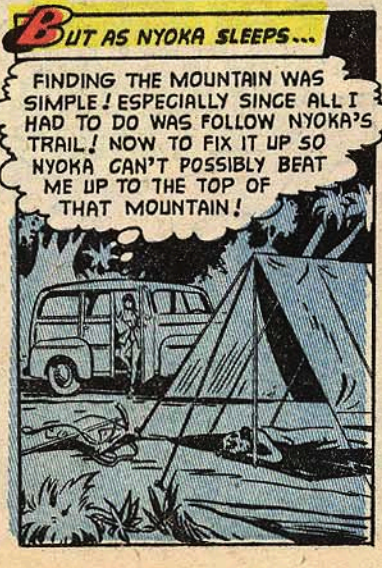
AND I DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DO THAT! BESIDES, A GIRL WITH YOUR EXPERIENCE SHOULD ALWAYS BE ON GUARD!
NOT ONLY ON GUARD, BUT I CAN SEE I'LL ALSO HAVE TO BE ON A DIET FOR THE REST OF THIS TRIP!

LATER...
THIS IS AS FAR AS WE CAN GO! FROM NOW ON, YOU TWO EXPLORERS ARE ON YOUR OWN!


GOOD LUCK TO THE TWO OF YOU!
ONLY FOOLS DEPEND ON LUCK! I USE SURER METHODS!
I'LL SAY YOU DO--- LIKE RAT POISON!


I HAVE A FEELING IF I'M GOING TO REACH THAT MOUNTAIN ALIVE, MY BEST BET IS TO LOSE FLEURICIA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! I'M GOING TO HEAD INTO THE JUNGLE IMMEDIATELY!
HURRY, MEN! GET THAT STATION WAGON DOWN HERE! I DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANY TIME!

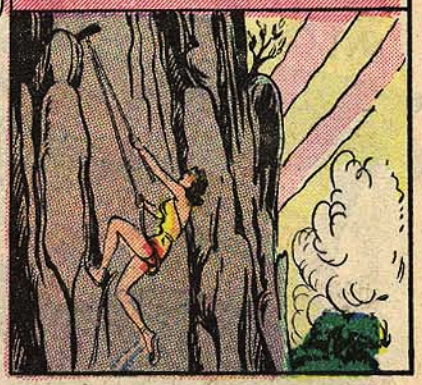

SEVERAL DAYS LATER, DEEP IN THE JUNGLE...
THERE ARE THE PIKERIA MOUNTAINS! I SUPPOSE THE BEST THING TO DO WOULD BE TO MAKE CAMP HERE FOR THE NIGHT AND TO START THE CLIMB THE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING!


BUT AS NYOKA SLEEPS...
FINDING THE MOUNTAIN WAS SIMPLE! ESPECIALLY SINCE ALL I HAD TO DO WAS FOLLOW NYOKA'S TRAIL! NOW TO FIX IT UP SO NYOKA CAN'T POSSIBLY BEAT ME UP TO THE TOP OF THAT MOUNTAIN!

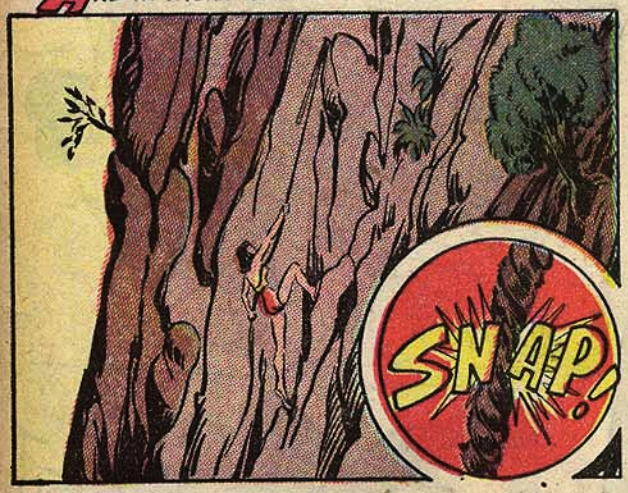
HERE'S NYOKA'S CLIMBING PICK! IT'S JUST WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR!

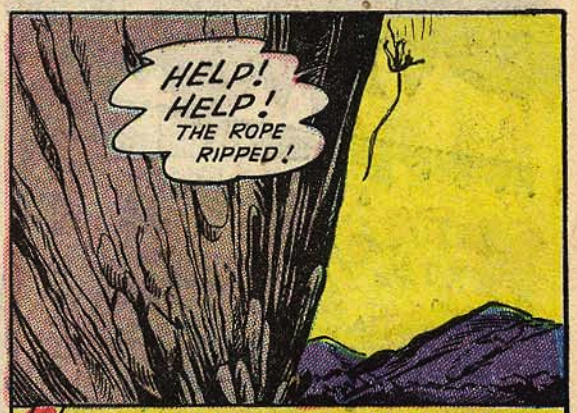
THE NEXT MORNING, WHEN NYOKA WAKES UP...

GOING AT TOP SPEED, NYOKA STARTS TO CLIMB UP THE TREACHEROUS MOUNTAIN WALL NOT REALIZING THAT EVERY STEP UP PUTS AN EXTRA STRAIN ON THE TAMPERED ROPE!



AND AS NYOKA REACHES THE HALF-WAY MARK...





IT SEEMS THAT FLEURIGIA'S SCHEME TO GET RID OF HER COMPETITION, NYOKA, HAS WORKED! READ ON FOR CHAPTER TWO OF PERILS OF CONQUEST!

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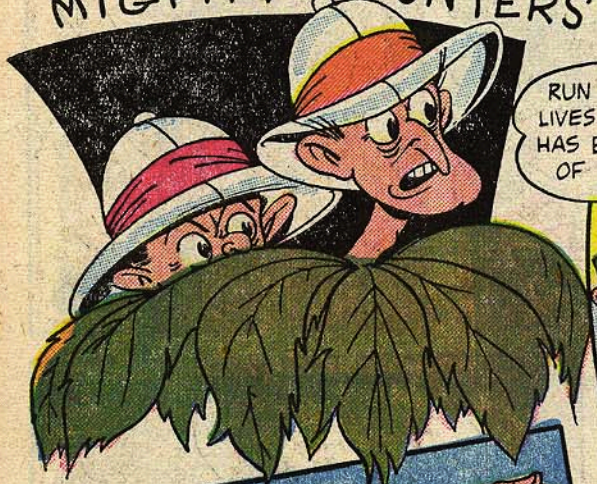

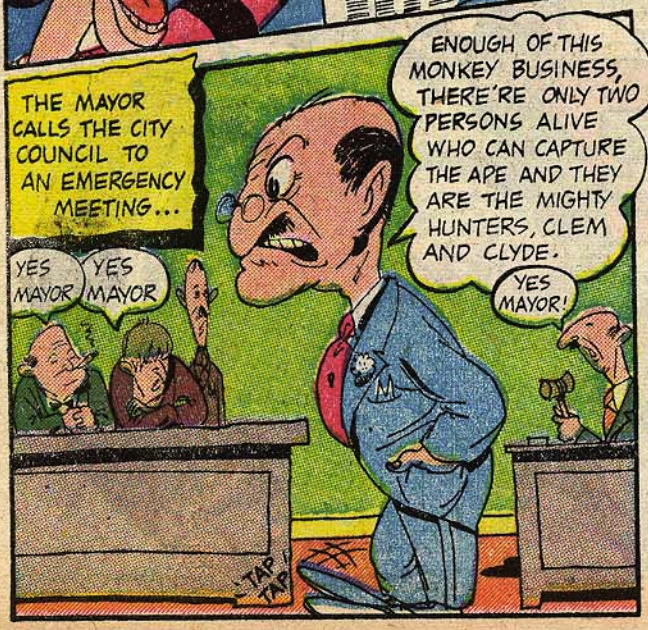

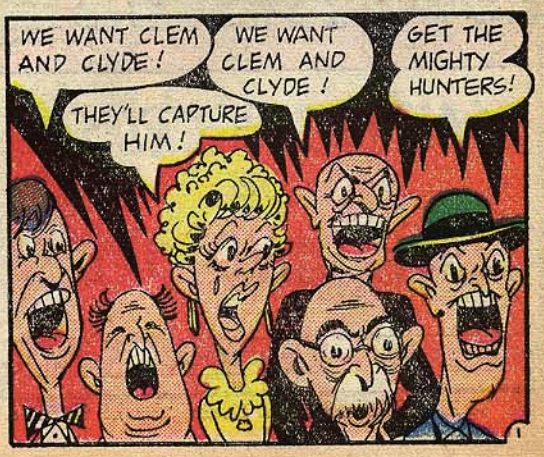

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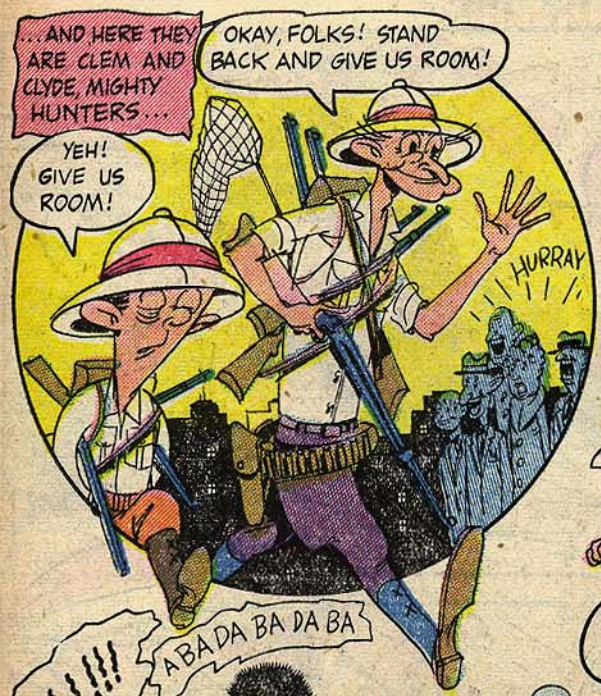
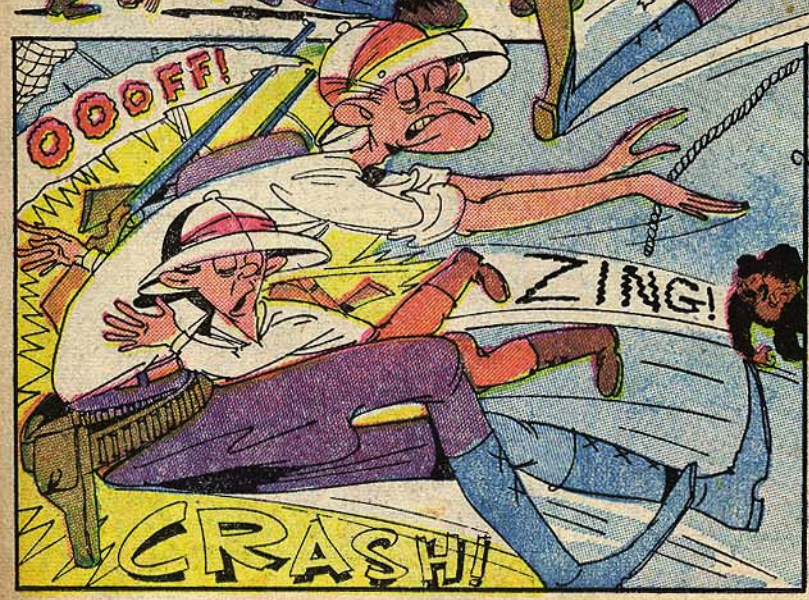
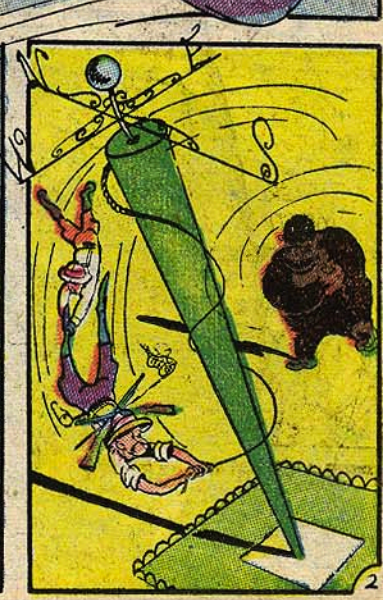

...AND HERE THEY ARE CLEM AND CLYDE, MIGHTY HUNTERS...
OKAY, FOLKS! STAND BACK AND GIVE US ROOM!
YEH! GIVE US ROOM!
HURRAY

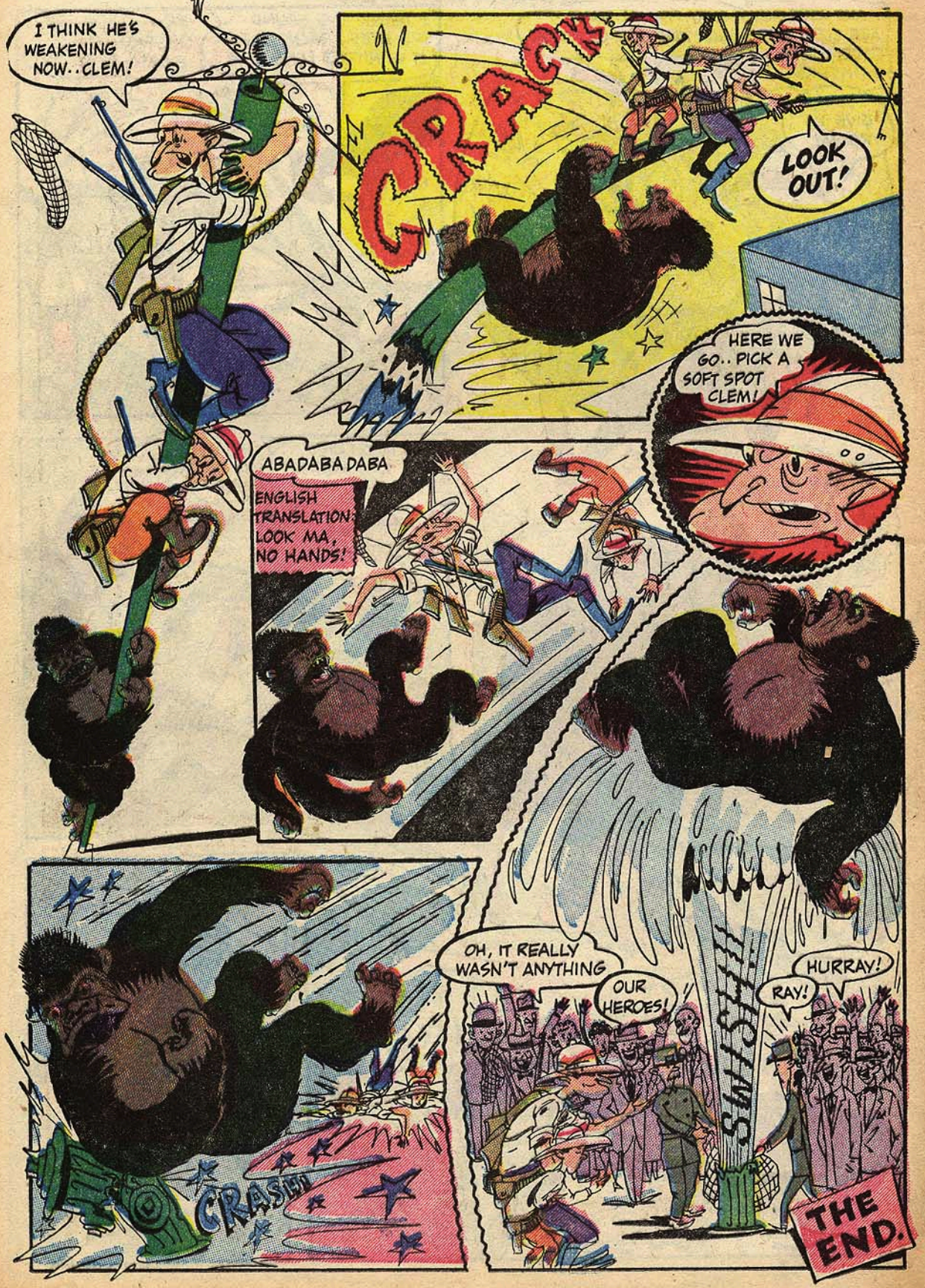
I THINK I'VE FOUND THE APES TRACKS, CLEM- IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!
ER... CLYDE..ER- OBGERJ..??!! BCAH-BLL!! OH!

!!!!!!!
ABADA BA DA BA

ATTA BOY.. CLYDE, HOLD HIM WHILE I LEAVE THIS PAGE!
HOLD HIM! HE'S HOLDING ME!


OOOFF!
ZING!
CRASH!




I THINK HE'S WEAKENING NOW..CLEM!
CRACK
LOOK OUT!
HERE WE GO.. PICK A SOFT SPOT CLEM!
ABADABA DABA
ENGLISH TRANSLATION: LOOK MA, NO HANDS!
CRASH!
OH, IT REALLY WASN'T ANYTHING
OUR HEROES!
RAY!
HURRAY!
THE END.

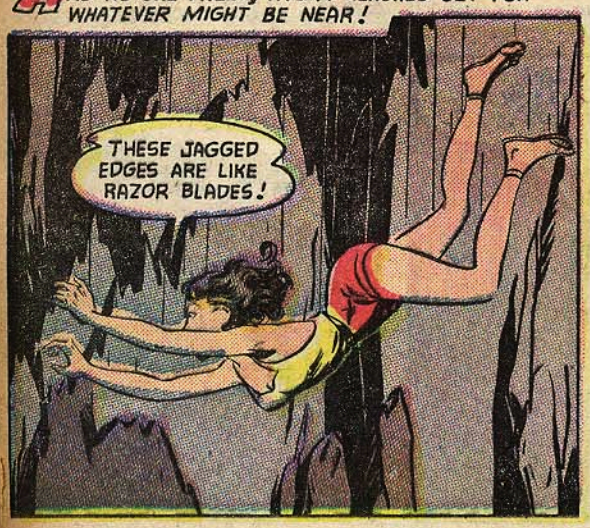
NYOKA the JUNGLE GIRL

in THE PERILS OF CONQUEST

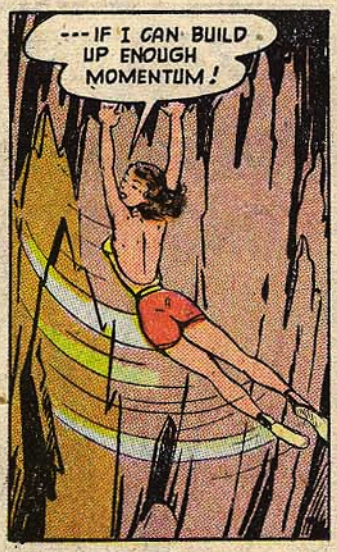
Chapter II CLEOPATRA'S DAUGHTER

HAPPY LANDING, NYOKA! THAT IS YOUR DEATH WILL BE A HAPPY LANDING FOR ME!

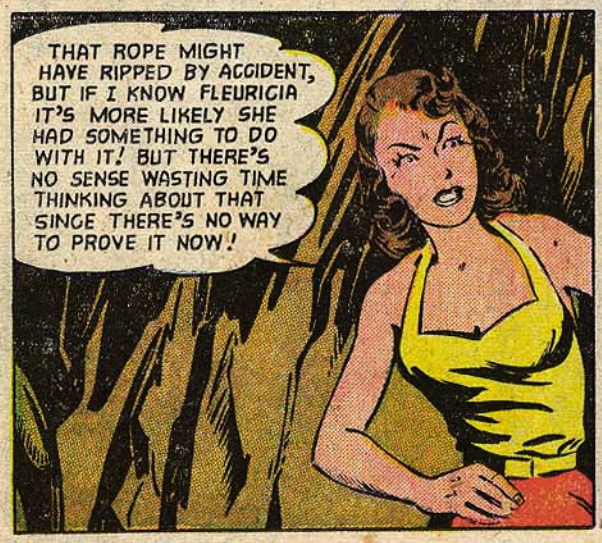
AND AS SHE FALLS, NYOKA REACHES OUT FOR WHATEVER MIGHT BE NEAR!

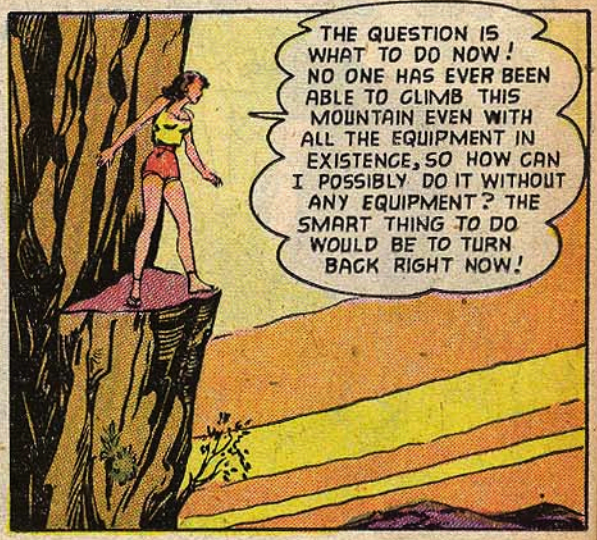


DESPITE THE PAIN, NYOKA BEGINS TO FORMULATE A POSSIBLE PLAN OF ESCAPE FROM DEATH!
THAT LEDGE IS JUST OUT OF CLIMBING REACH, BUT I MIGHT BE ABLE TO SWING MYSELF ONTO IT---


---IF I CAN BUILD UP ENOUGH MOMENTUM!

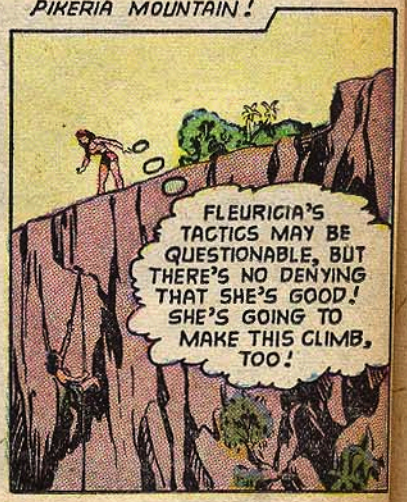
I MADE IT!

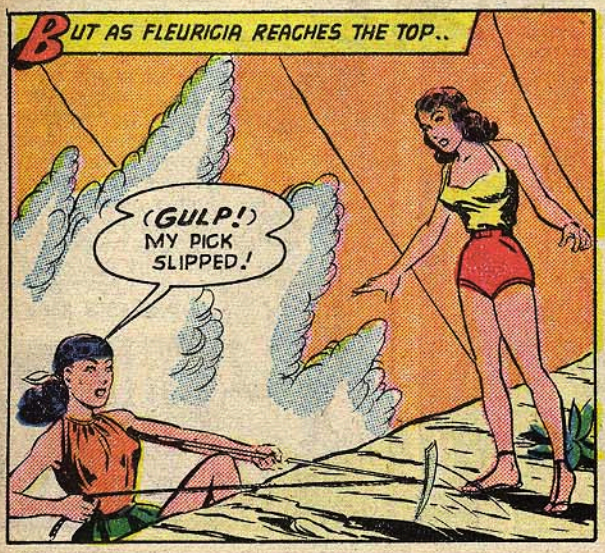

THAT ROPE MIGHT HAVE RIPPED BY ACCIDENT, BUT IF I KNOW FLEURICIA IT'S MORE LIKELY SHE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT! BUT THERE'S NO SENSE WASTING TIME THINKING ABOUT THAT SINCE THERE'S NO WAY TO PROVE IT NOW!


THE QUESTION IS WHAT TO DO NOW! NO ONE HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO CLIMB THIS MOUNTAIN EVEN WITH ALL THE EQUIPMENT IN EXISTENCE, SO HOW CAN I POSSIBLY DO IT WITHOUT ANY EQUIPMENT? THE SMART THING TO DO WOULD BE TO TURN BACK RIGHT NOW!

BUT MY REPUTATION'S AT STAKE SO I'M GOING ON!

WHILE FLEURICIA STEADILY PLOWS HER WAY TOWARDS THE TOP...
(GULP!) NYOKA'S STILL ALIVE--- AND SHE'S PASSING ME!


AND NYOKA IS THE FIRST ONE TO CLIMB THE PERPENDICULAR PIKERIA MOUNTAIN!
FLEURICIA'S TACTICS MAY BE QUESTIONABLE, BUT THERE'S NO DENYING THAT SHE'S GOOD! SHE'S GOING TO MAKE THIS CLIMB, TOO!


BUT AS FLEURICIA REACHES THE TOP..
(GULP!) MY PICK SLIPPED!

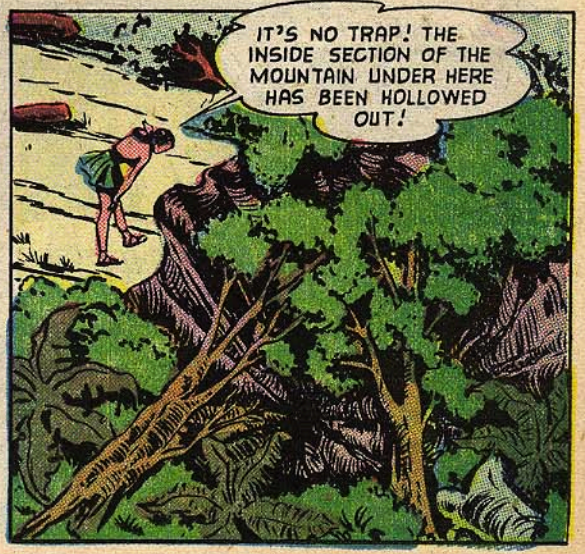
HELP!

AND THE EVER-ALERT NYOKA SPRINGS INTO ACTION!
JUST HOLD ON TIGHT, FLEURICIA! I'LL PULL YOU UP!

I SUPPOSE I SHOULD SAY THANKS, BUT IF YOU WANT THE TRUTH, NYOKA, I THINK YOU'RE A FOOL! IF THE SITUATION HAD BEEN REVERSED, I NEVER WOULD HAVE SAVED YOU!
THE ONLY THING I CAN SAY FOR YOU, FLEURICIA, IS THAT AT LEAST YOU'RE HONEST! NOW LET'S GET ON WITH THE SECOND HALF OF THIS CONTEST... TO SEE IF WE CAN FIND ANY TRACE OF CLEOPATRA'S DAUGHTER AND THE EGYPTIAN CROWN JEWELS!

IF YOU'RE GOING THAT WAY, I'LL GO THIS WAY!
THAT SUITS ME FINE, SINCE THIS IS ALL UNEXPLORED TERRITORY! THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT I'LL HAVE TO BE ON THE WATCH FOR WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT YOU STABBING ME IN THE BACK!

SHORTLY AFTER...
THAT LOOKS LIKE A TRAP SET IN THAT FOLIAGE!


IT'S NO TRAP! THE INSIDE SECTION OF THE MOUNTAIN UNDER HERE HAS BEEN HOLLOWED OUT!

AND THERE'S SOMETHING GLITTERING BELOW! IT MIGHT VERY WELL BE THE MISSING CROWN JEWELS!

I'LL GO GET THE ROPE I USED TO CLIMB UP THE MOUNTAIN AND TIE IT TO ONE OF THE TREES! THEN I'LL SEE IF I CAN LOWER MYSELF DOWN INTO THIS PIT!

SHORTLY AFTER...
I'M READY TO MAKE THE CLIMB DOWN, BUT FIRST I WANT TO MAKE SURE I COVER UP THIS HOLE JUST IN CASE NYOKA SHOULD DRIFT BY THIS WAY! I'D RATHER SHE JUST WENT ON WITHOUT REALIZING WHAT MIGHT BE UNDERNEATH HERE!

BUT AS NYOKA REACHES THE CAMOUFLAGED HOLE, SHE NOT ONLY DOESN'T SEE THE OPENING, BUT...
HELP!
I'VE FALLEN INTO SOME KIND OF TRAP!

HUH! THIS IS NO TRAP! I'VE FALLEN INTO AN ENDLESS PIT! I CAN'T POSSIBLY LAND IN ONE PIECE!

BUT SUDDENLY...
A TINY LEDGE! I CAN'T REMEMBER WHEN I'VE BEEN SO HAPPY FOR SO LITTLE BEFORE!

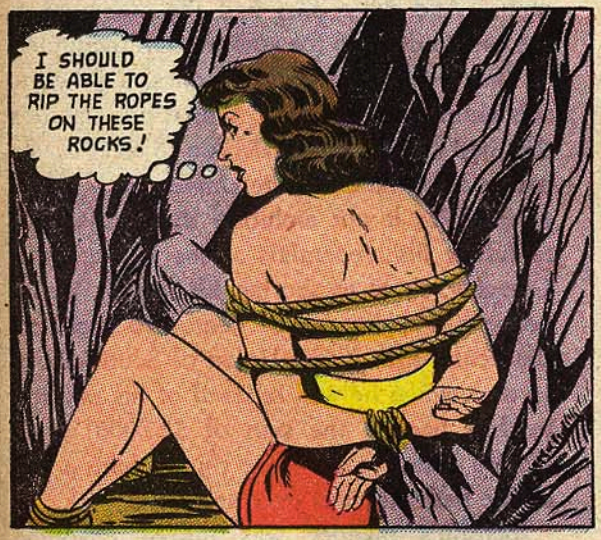
AND THERE ARE TWO MORE LEDGES ON THE WAY DOWN! COMMON SENSE SAYS I SHOULD TRY TO CLIMB UP OUT OF HERE, BUT THE ADVENTURER IN ME WON'T LET ME TURN BACK UNTIL I SEE WHAT'S GLITTERING BELOW! SO---

BUT NYOKA DOESN'T KNOW THAT FLEURIGIA HAD STUMBLED ON TO IT FIRST!
I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMETHING! I DIDN'T GET THIS CLOSE TO THE CROWN JEWELS TO HAVE TO SHARE THEIR DISCOVERY!
CONK!
AND BEFORE THE DAZED NYOKA CAN FULLY REGAIN HER SENSES...
NOW TO SEE IF I CAN FIND THE CROWN JEWELS!
GOOD HEAVENS! THE SPHINX! IF I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE I WAS, I'D BELIEVE I WAS RIGHT BACK IN EGYPT! THIS MUST BE THE PLACE WHERE CLEOPATRA'S DAUGHTER TOOK REFUGE! AND TO THINK THAT I JUST STUMBLED ON TO IT!
I THINK I HEAR SOMEONE COMING!
WHO ARE YOU?
I'M CLEOPATRA'S DAUGHTER! WHO ARE YOU?

AND IN A FEW SECONDS...

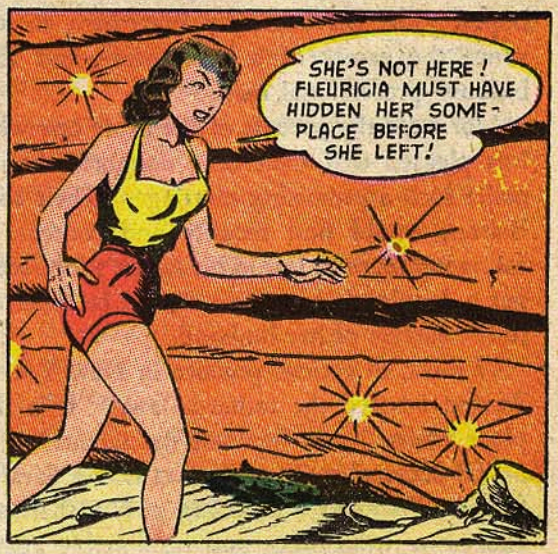
AND THE ONLY WAY TO DO THAT IS TO REVIVE THE EGYPTIAN GIRL BEFORE FLEURICIA TRICKS THE GUARDS INTO GIVING HER THE JEWELS!

BUT FIRST I HAVE TO FREE MYSELF!


I SHOULD BE ABLE TO RIP THE ROPES ON THESE ROCKS!

SOON...
THERE! NOW TO REMOVE THE REST OF THE ROPES AND GAG AND GET TO WORK!
RIP!

I'VE GOT TO REVIVE CLEOPATRA'S DAUGHTER AND TALK TO HER!


SHE'S NOT HERE! FLEURICIA MUST HAVE HIDDEN HER SOME-PLACE BEFORE SHE LEFT!

DR. BENSON'S MISTAKE

(A TRUE STORY)

IT WAS an exceptional wedding that September in 1915, when Dr. Vincent Benson, the brilliant surgeon-dentist, and Sarah Davis were to become man and wife, pledged to cherish and love one another until death them did part. The time of death of either party was not mentioned in the vows of matrimony, or elsewhere in the marriage contract.

The roots of the marriage sprang from childhood. Years before, Vinnie Benson, poor but ambitious boy, and Sarah Davis, equally poor, the daughter of an industrious father, attended the same schools in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Soon after high school their paths separated widely, Benson's leading to college in Michigan, then later to Glasgow, Scotland. Sarah had remained in Grand Rapids, but not in poverty, her father, in the years, having amassed a fortune of over a million dollars. So, for the returning young successful dentist, meeting Sarah Davis once more was a doubly happy event. Not only did he find love, but also he found wealth beyond his fondest hopes. Just the necessary ingredient to advance the career of a prominent—and ambitious—professional man.

Nor were the parents of the bride one whit less pleased that their only daughter should make such a promising marriage. Their son, Robert, would find security and content in following more or less in his father's footsteps, but a daughter's happiness should be reflected in the success of her husband.

"I must, of course, practice in New York," Benson advised the father-in-law. "It is the place where I may best use my talents."

"Of course," replied Thomas Davis, Sarah's father. "And as a wedding gift, I shall set you up with an office and fashionable apartment, where you can make contacts. In addition I will give you three hundred dollars a month spending money."

"How can I help make a huge success of my practice!" exclaimed Dr. Benson. Indeed, how could he?

And the water that had passed over the dam was gone, never to return. Here was a situation that held promise for an ambitious man. And what part had the ambitions of the past to do with the ambitions of the future?

They were all stepping stones, anyway, to this pinnacle of success. Was it not ambition that had caused young Benson to steal examination information in the University of Michigan? Was it not ambition that caused him to falsify his credentials at the University of Glasgow, so as to shorten his term? Was it not ambition that caused Benson to steal from the dental firm in the Union of South Africa, so that, when he was relieved of his position, he had banked the sum of $20,000 in the United States? All these things were a part of the past that was over and done.

Benson's manner was indeed charming. There was, for instance, the problem of investing the hundred thousand dollars or so for Sarah's aunt, Miss Christine Davis. So courteously and assiduously did Vincent Benson apply himself to the task of advising Aunt Christine, that Aunt Christine herself threw up her hands and decided that since Vincent was so adept at finance, why should he not just take the money and invest it for her?

Aunt Christine was very much pleased with the results, too. Where she had been receiving a mere four percent interest for her money in the past, she found almost at once that Vincent increased her income so that her quarterly payments grew to the amazing tune of interest at the rate of ten percent per annum. So much

confidence did Aunt Christine have in Dr. Vincent Benson, that she never so much as asked him where he was investing her money to raise so large an income. And that satisfied Vincent very much, for in truth he was not investing it at all. He merely kept the principal and every dividend period paid Aunt Christine back some of her own money.

What might happen when the money was gone, Vincent did not worry about, for there were other ways for an ambitious man to increase his wealth. There was, for example, the matter of typhoid germs with which Dr. Benson was experimenting. Since Sarah's father had willed half of his estate to Sarah and the other half to Sarah's brother, Robert Davis, a few typhoid germs ought to settle all difficulties once and for all. Sarah trusted him completely, so that once Sarah had the money in her own hands it was as good as in Vincent Benson's.

Why should he worry, then? If he had the money his wife had been willed in her inheritance, what more could he ask? Why not wait until father and mother died naturally? Well, it was the old ambition again. Once a man becomes ambitious to the point of its being an obsession, there's no telling where his ambitions may lead. In this case, Dr. Benson was doing so well socially that he began to consider Sarah a little less glamorous than he had first thought. Sarah was not half so pleasing to the eye, for instance, as the actress, Helen Kennedy. Helen seemed to have everything. Looks, wit, personality. It made you proud to have people stare at you in public, and to hear people whisper, "Who is she?" and "Who is that striking man with Helen Kennedy?"

So, Mother came on to New York for the Christmas holidays at Dr. Benson's urgent request. Indeed Dr. Benson made the good woman's last days a real pleasure. Something she could remember in the other world, if, indeed, there was life beyond the grave. He took her to shows, and showed her the sights about the City, and, in fact, completely forgot his practice to make Mother's short visit a happy one.

Too bad Mother had to sicken and die, just before her visit was ended. Not by typhoid fever, however. She evidently was made of sterner stuff, for the germ cultures had no effect whatever on her constitution. Dr. Benson grew impatient, for he was an ambitious man. And as a last resort, he put a goodly portion of arsenic in Mother's food. That did the trick. And, of course, no one ever suspected Dr. Benson of murder. Not even the attending physician, who made out a certificate of death for Mrs. Davis, stating her death was due to natural causes.

Dr. Benson saw to everything. Even to the arranging of the cremation of the body. Then there was only Dad to worry about. Not worry, exactly, for Dr. Benson was not one to worry, but rather to think of. That was also an easy matter. Dad could not get over the loss of his wife, so the good Dr. Benson suggested Father's staying with him and Sarah. Arsenic went the same way into Father's dinners, too, and before long Dad had taken to his bed and soon passed to his just reward beyond the grave.

It was complete and Dr. Benson was practically in the clear. Whether he would divorce Sarah when he had control of her money, or whether he would dispose of her in the manner of her father and mother, he had not yet decided. That was a mere detail. One other detail Dr. Benson had not yet fully settled. Relatives. What harm they can cause an ambitious man! Leave it to relatives to question the honesty of Dr. Benson's intent! Sarah's brother, her cousin, Mrs. Olive Felton. What right had they to oppose Dr. Benson's plan to have Father cremated, too? What right had they to ask for an autopsy.

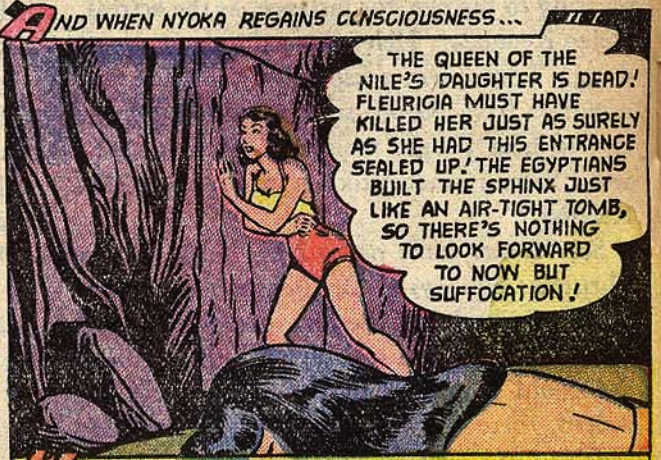
But they did, and the investigating physician found enough arsenic in Mr. Davis's body to kill many men!

No, though Sarah and Vincent pledged love and honor until death them did part, no mention in the vows indicated that Vincent was going to die in the electric chair in the not too distant future.

BUT JUST THEN, FLEURIGIA RETURNS WITH THE GUARDS!

AS NYOKA ENTERS THE SPHINX...

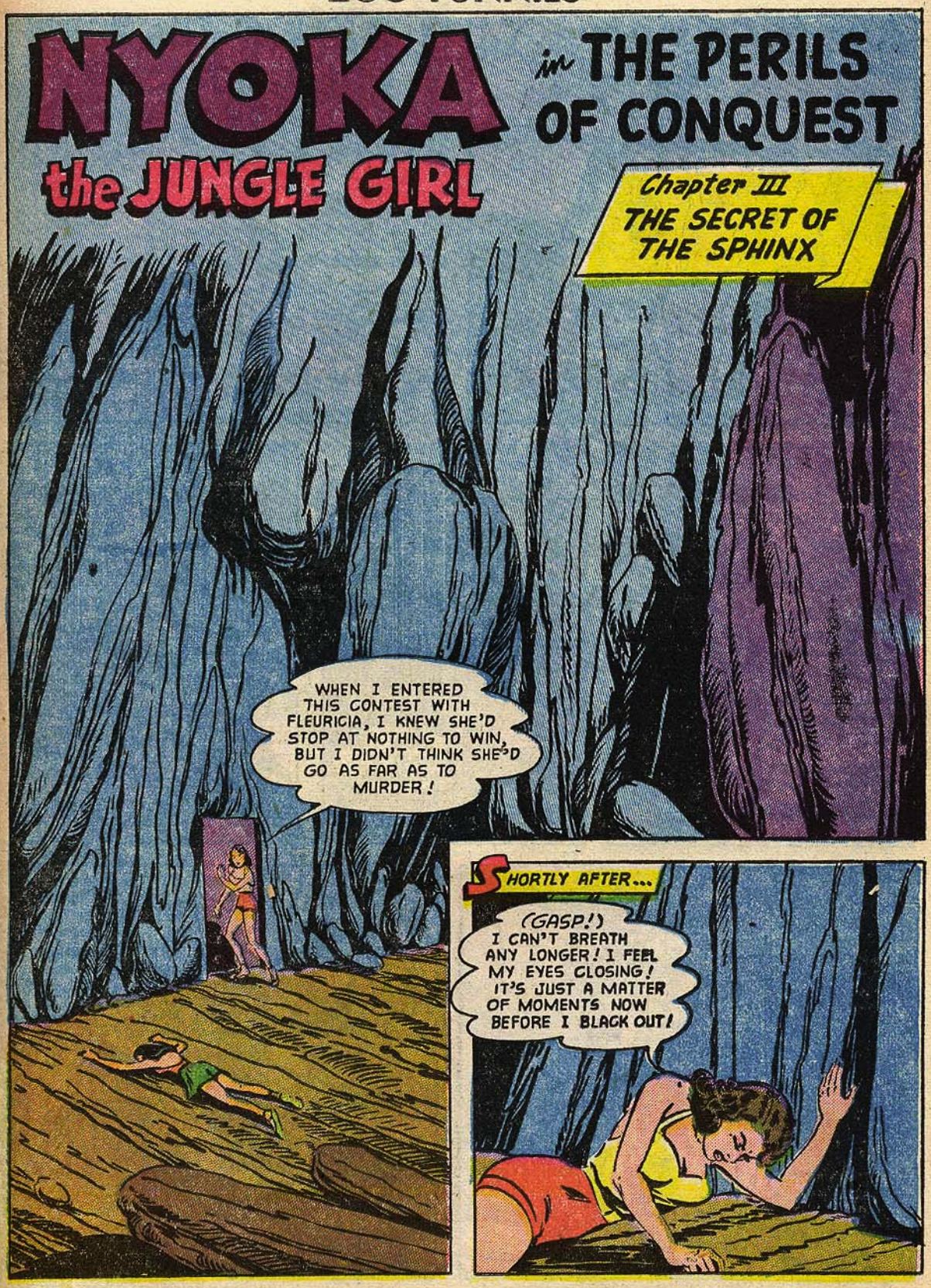
AND WHEN NYOKA REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS...



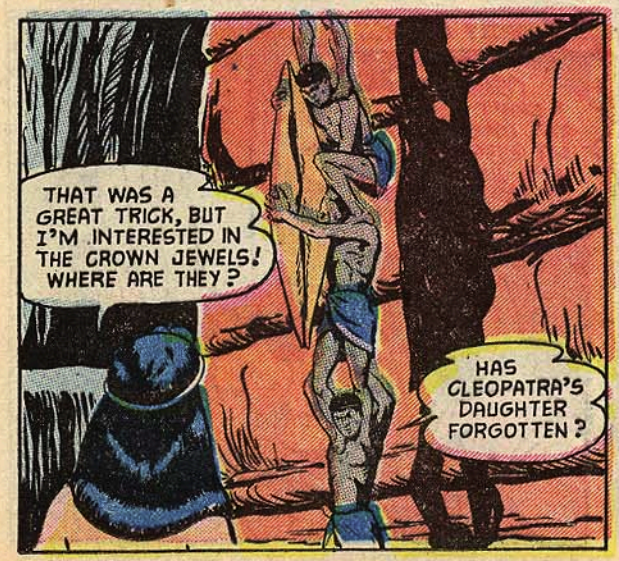
WILL FLEURIGIA GET AWAY WITH HER SCHEME TO GET THE CROWN JEWELS FOR HERSELF? READ ON FOR CHAPTER III OF **THE PERILS OF CONQUEST!**

NYOKA the JUNGLE GIRL in THE PERILS OF CONQUEST

Chapter III THE SECRET OF THE SPHINX



AND WHEN THE GUARD REACHES THE MOUTH OF THE SPHINX...



AND NOW I MUST RETURN THESE JEWELS TO MY MOTHER! SHE HAS SENT FOR THEM!

IT'S BEEN SO LONG THAT WE CANNOT REALLY EXPRESS HOW MUCH WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS EPOCH MOMENT! BUT WE ARE READY, PRINCESS!

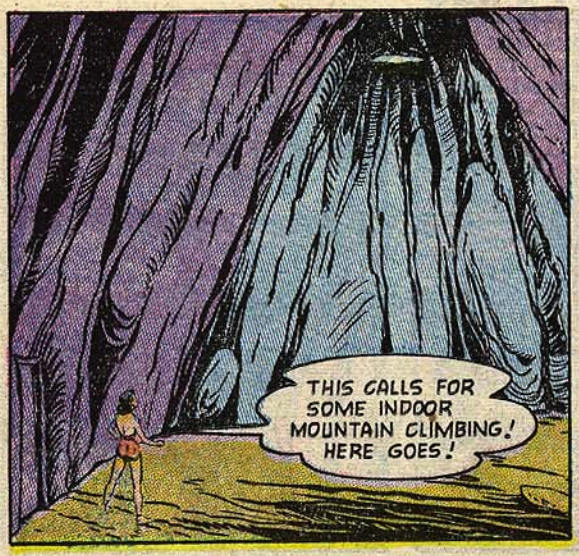
I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT! I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW THEY'RE GOING TO GET US OUT OF THIS DEEP PIT!
GET THE LADDER!

WE BUILT THIS LADDER WHEN WE FIRST CLIMBED DOWN INTO THIS PIT! FOR A MOMENT I WAS AFRAID WE WOULDN'T REMEMBER WHERE WE HAD HIDDEN IT!

WE WILL LEAD THE WAY BACK TO YOUR ROYAL MOTHER!
I'LL JUST HAVE TO PLAY ALONG WITH THEM! IF I SHOULD OBJECT, THEY MIGHT GET SUSPICIOUS! I'LL LOSE THEM AFTER THEY HELP ME GET DOWN THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN!

MEANWHILE...
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! I'M BREATHING MUCH EASIER NOW!

NO WONDER! SOMEONE PUT A HOLE IN THE SIDE OF THE SPHINX! IT'S BIG ENOUGH TO CLIMB THROUGH---IF I COULD ONLY REACH IT!


THIS CALLS FOR SOME INDOOR MOUNTAIN CLIMBING! HERE GOES!

THIS CERTAINLY ISN'T THE EASIEST WAY UP---

---BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY! JUST A LITTLE MORE NOW!

THERE! I MADE IT! THIS FRESH AIR SURE SMELLS GOOD!

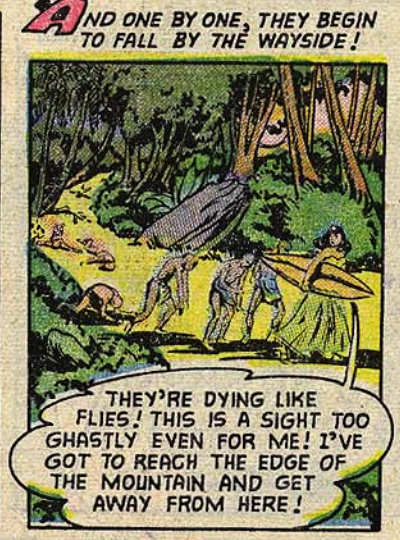
I JUST FIT THROUGH! IF I WEIGHED A FEW POUNDS MORE, I NEVER WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT!

NOW TO SEE WHERE FLEURIGIA MIGHT BE!

THAT LADDER CAN MEAN ONLY ONE THING! SHE'S ESCAPED, AND IF I KNOW FLEURIGIA, SHE DIDN'T LEAVE HERE WITHOUT THOSE CROWN JEWELS! I JUST HAVE TO FIND HER BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

MEANWHILE...
GOOD HEAVENS! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU MEN? YOU'VE SUDDENLY AGED HUNDREDS OF YEARS!

BUT AS TO BE EXPECTED, AS SOON AS THE GUARDS LEFT THEIR VACUUM-PACKED AIR, TIME STARTED TO CATCH UP WITH THEM!


AND ONE BY ONE, THEY BEGIN TO FALL BY THE WAYSIDE!
THEY'RE DYING LIKE FLIES! THIS IS A SIGHT TOO GHASTLY EVEN FOR ME! I'VE GOT TO REACH THE EDGE OF THE MOUNTAIN AND GET AWAY FROM HERE!

BUT AT LEAST THERE'S ONE PLEASANT ANGLE TO THIS! I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THEM TRYING TO STOP ME FROM ESCAPING WITH THE CROWN JEWELS!

MEANWHILE...
NOT A SIGN OF FLEURICIA! HOW CAN I POSSIBLY DISCOVER WHICH WAY SHE HEADED?

BUT SUDDENLY, NYOKA SPOTS ONE OF THE DECAYING BODIES OF THE EGYPTIAN GUARDS!
FROM THE COSTUME, I CAN TELL THAT THAT MUST HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE GUARDS WHO FOLLOWED FLEURICIA OUT OF THE HOLE AND NOW HAS PAID THE PRICE OF TIME!

AND HERE'S ANOTHER ONE!

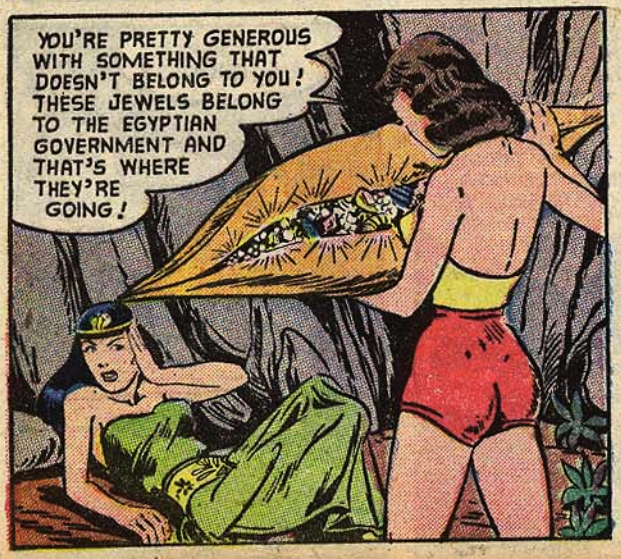
AND FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF DECAYED BODIES, NYOKA SOON CATCHES SIGHT OF FLEURICIA!
THERE SHE IS! AND THAT STONE MOUTH SHE'S CARRYING MUST BE WHERE THE CROWN JEWELS ARE HIDDEN!

I BEAT HER UP THIS MOUNTAIN, MAYBE I CAN ALSO BEAT HER DOWN! I'VE GOT TO DO IT!

TAKING CHANCE AFTER CHANCE, NYOKA MIRACULOUSLY REACHES THE BOTTOM OF THE MOUNTAIN FIRST!
(GULP!) NYOKA!
THAT'S RIGHT! YOU DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE GOING TO GET AWAY WITH MURDER!

LOOK, NYOKA! LET'S FORGET THE PAST! I'VE GOT THE EGYPTIAN CROWN JEWELS IN HERE! WE DON'T HAVE TO TELL ANYONE WE FOUND THEM! AND WE CAN SPLIT THE FORTUNE BETWEEN THE TWO OF US!

HERE'S MY ANSWER!
BAM!


YOU'RE PRETTY GENEROUS WITH SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU! THESE JEWELS BELONG TO THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT AND THAT'S WHERE THEY'RE GOING!

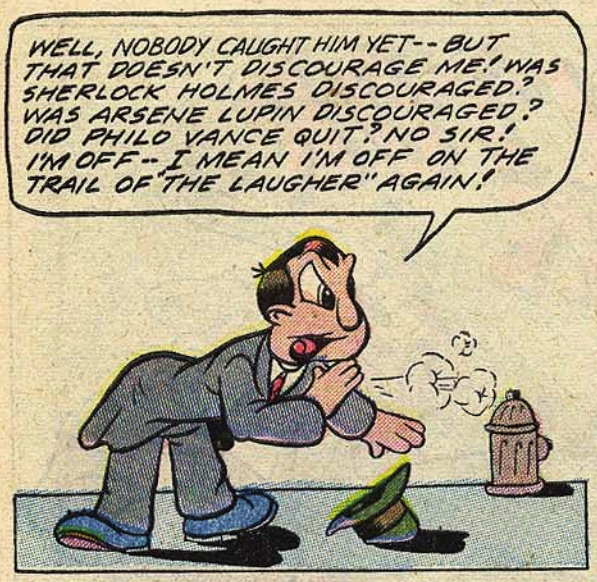
LATER...
EVERYTHING I SAID BEFORE I TAKE BACK, NYOKA! THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT--- YOU'RE THE GREATEST JUNGLE GIRL IN THE WORLD!
YES, AND ODD AS IT MAY SEEM FLEURICIA IS BEING HELD BY THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT FOR HER PART IN THE DEATH OF CLEOPATRA'S DAUGHTER!

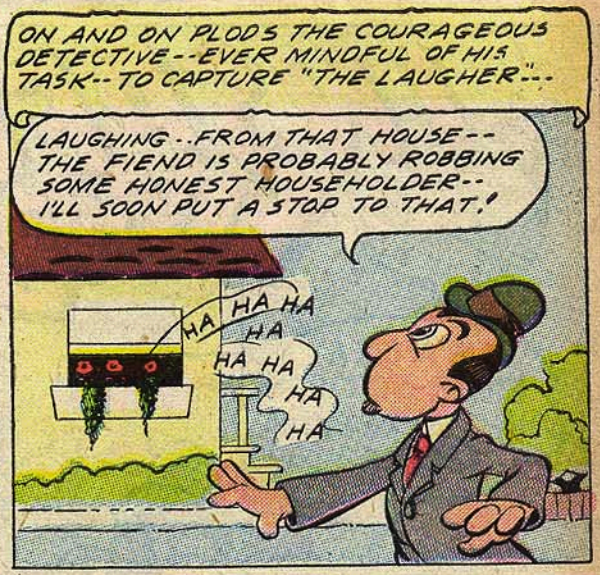
INSPECTOR FUMBLE

INSPECTOR

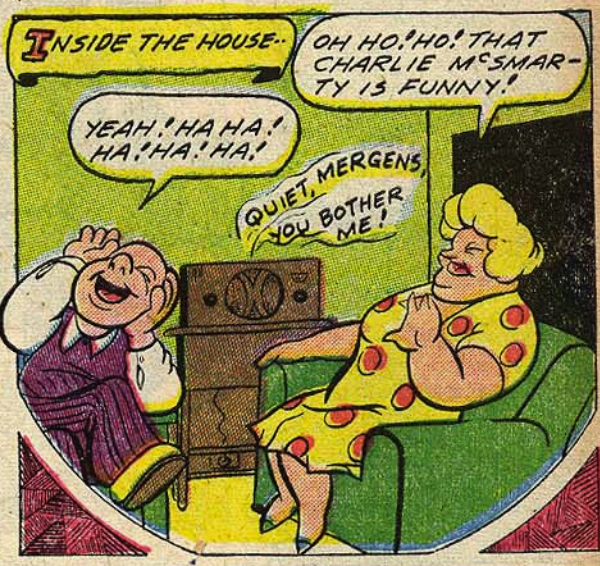
I'M AFTER A KILLER - SO I'LL HAVE TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL NOW!

WHEN INSPECTOR FUMBLE GETS ON THE TRAIL OF A CRIMINAL - TIME MEANS NOTHING-- AS YOU WILL SEE IN THE ADVENTURE OF "THE LAUGHER."

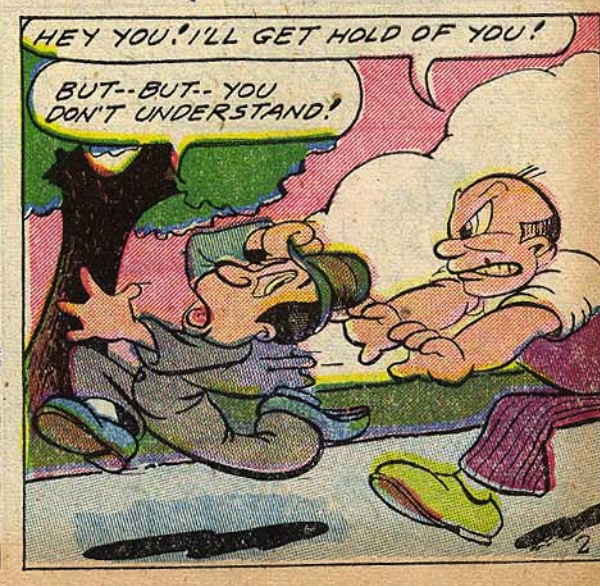

WELL, NOBODY CAUGHT HIM YET-- BUT THAT DOESN'T DISCOURAGE ME! WAS SHERLOCK HOLMES DISCOURAGED? WAS ARSENE LUPIN DISCOURAGED? DID PHILO VANCE QUIT? NO SIR! I'M OFF-- I MEAN I'M OFF ON THE TRAIL OF "THE LAUGHER" AGAIN!

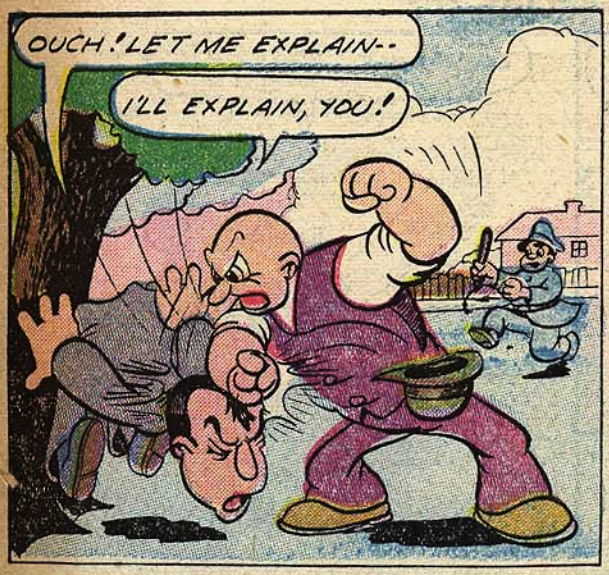

ON AND ON PLODS THE COURAGEOUS DETECTIVE--EVER MINDFUL OF HIS TASK--TO CAPTURE "THE LAUGHER"--
LAUGHING--FROM THAT HOUSE-- THE FIEND IS PROBABLY ROBBING SOME HONEST HOUSEHOLDER-- I'LL SOON PUT A STOP TO THAT!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

BUT FIRST I'M GOING TO SCOUT OUT THE TERRAIN--AS ANY GOOD SOLDIER WOULD!


INSIDE THE HOUSE--
OH HO! HO! THAT CHARLIE McSMARTY IS FUNNY!
YEAH! HA HA! HA! HA! HA!
QUIET, MERGENS, YOU BOTHER ME!

EEK! THAT FACE AT THE WINDOW!-- A PEEPING TOM!
IS THAT A FACE? I'LL GRAB HIM!

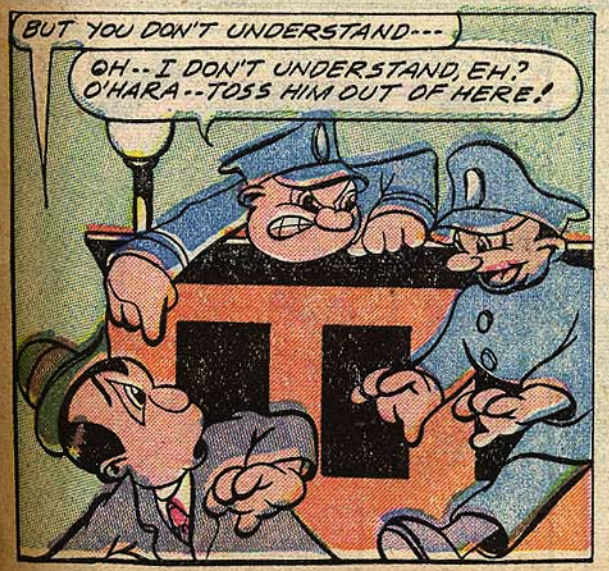

HEY YOU! I'LL GET HOLD OF YOU!
BUT--BUT-- YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!

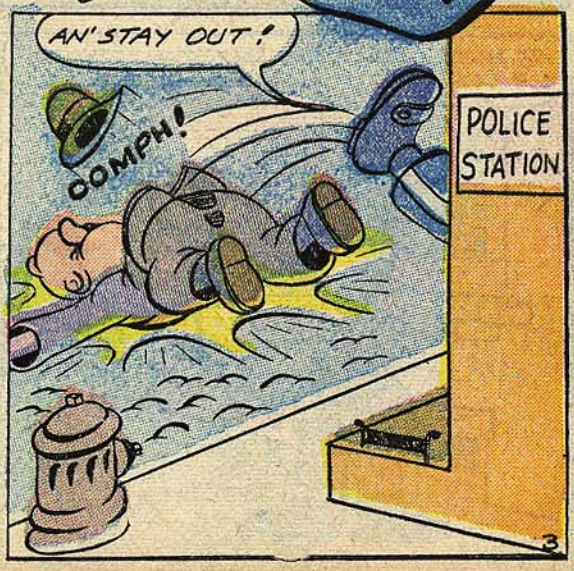

OUCH! LET ME EXPLAIN--
I'LL EXPLAIN, YOU!

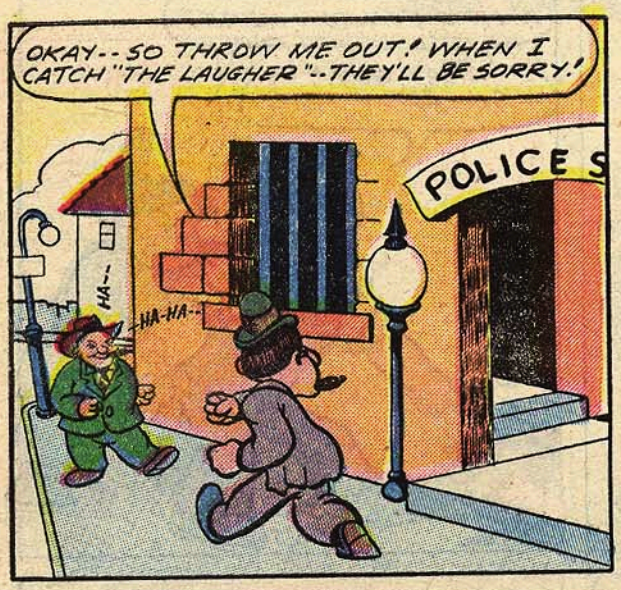
WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE?
THAT GUY! HE'S A PEEPIN' TOM!

A PEEPING TOM IS IT-- YE MAY AS WELL SAVE YER BREATH, ME BOY! YOU'LL NEED IT FOR THE DESK SERGEANT! COME ALONG QUIETLY, NOW!
BUT--BUT--

AT THE POLICE STATION--
I--I--
SHUT UP! I HADN'T REALLY OUGHT TO DO THIS---BUT YOU LOOK LIKE SUCH A DOPE THAT I'M GOIN' TO LET YOU GO-- AND DON'T LET ME SEE YOU AGAIN!

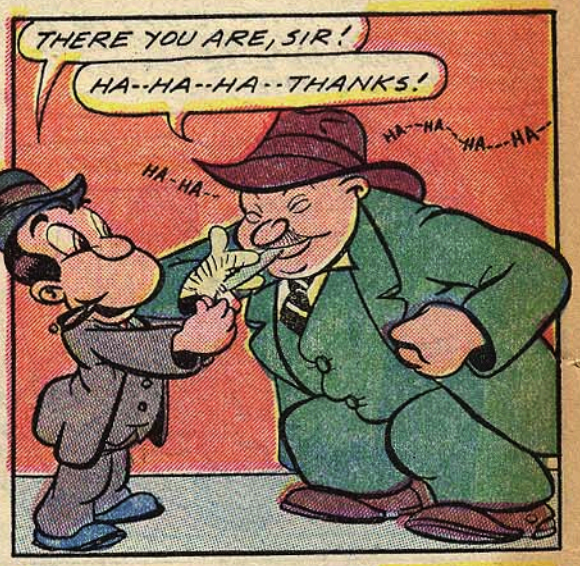

BUT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND---
OH-- I DON'T UNDERSTAND, EH? O'HARA--TOSS HIM OUT OF HERE!

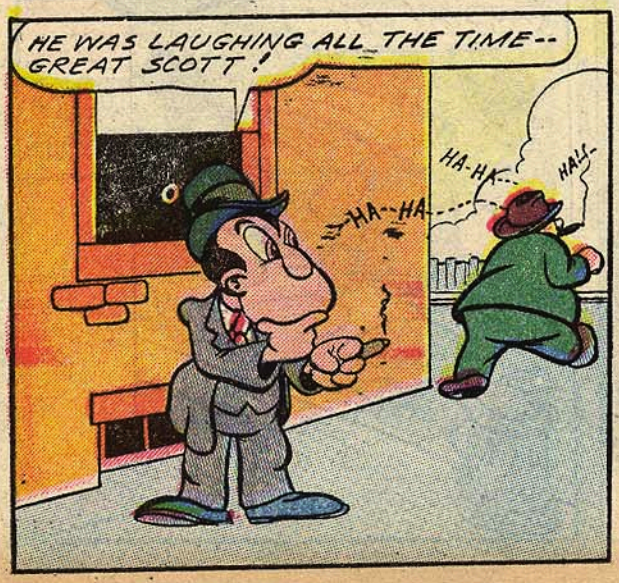

AN' STAY OUT!
OOMPH!
POLICE STATION


OKAY--SO THROW ME OUT! WHEN I CATCH "THE LAUGHER"--THEY'LL BE SORRY!
POLICE S
HA-HA--
HA-

UMP! HA--HA--HA--
HA--HA--!

I'M SORRY, MISTER!
HA--HA--HA--THINK NOTHING OF IT! BUT MY CIGAR SEEMS TO HAVE GONE OUT!
HA-HA--
HA-HA-


THERE YOU ARE, SIR!
HA--HA--HA--THANKS!
HA-HA--
HA--HA--HA--HA--


HE WAS LAUGHING ALL THE TIME--GREAT SCOTT!
HA--HA--
HA-HA--
HA!!-

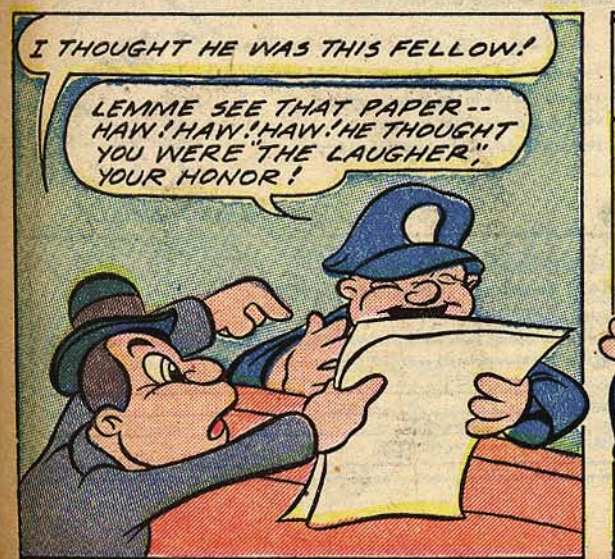
HE'S "THE LAUGHER"!

NOW I HAVE YOU, FIEND!
HO--HO--HA--HA--WHAT?

HEY, CUT THAT OUT!

YOUR HONOR! THE MAYOR!
YEP, THAT'S WHO I AM -- I WAS CHUCKLING OVER A STORY I HEARD THIS AFTERNOON, AND THIS BOZO JUMPED ME!
OH--OH!

NOW WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU--ATTACKING THE MAYOR?
BUT I THOUGHT--


I THOUGHT HE WAS THIS FELLOW!
LEMME SEE THAT PAPER -- HAW! HAW! HAW! HE THOUGHT YOU WERE "THE LAUGHER", YOUR HONOR!

WHY YOU DOPE--THIS PAPER IS DATED NOVEMBER 24, 1938! WE CAUGHT "THE LAUGHER" SEVEN YEARS AGO!
HAW! HAW! HAW!

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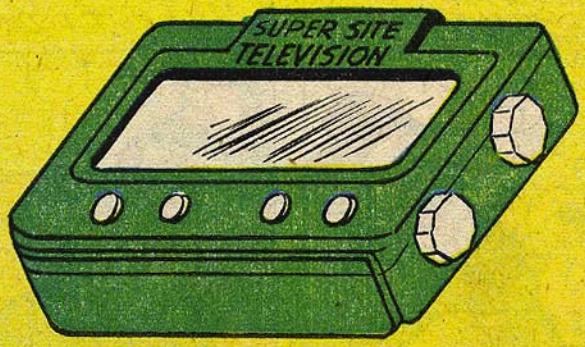

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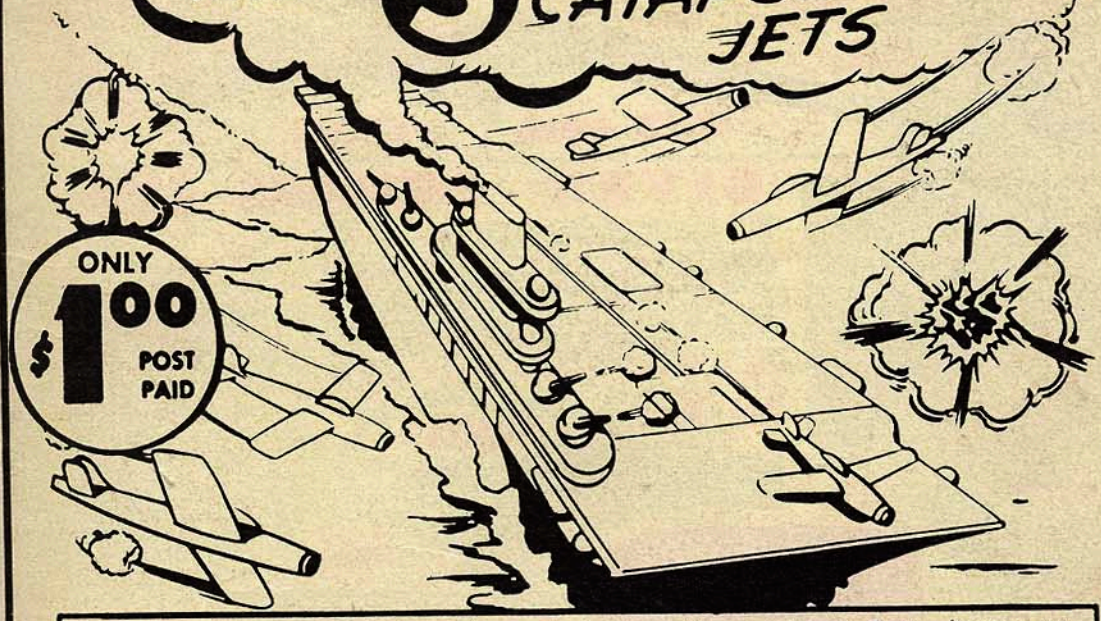

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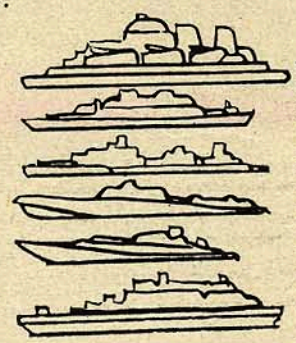

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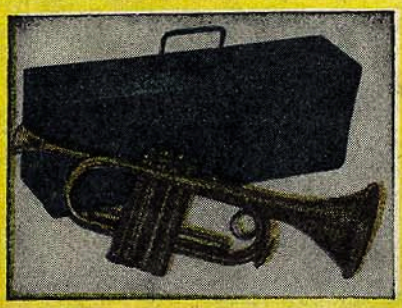

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